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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM BOGOTA MAY 4

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SUBJECT: COFFEE

1. DR. ARTURO GOMEZ JARAMILLO, DIRECTOR OF THE COFFEE
FEDERATION, IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AGATTT INDICATED

HE WAS EXTREMELY UNHAPPY ABOUT US OPPOSITION DURING THE RECENT COFFEE COUNCIL MEETINGS TO IMMEDIATE LIQUIDATION OF THE COFFEE DIVERSIFICATION FUND. IN THE PAST, GOMEZ JARAMILLO HAS CRITICIZED THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FUND AND WHAT HE HAS CHARACTERIZED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE US AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FUND TO PRODUCING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY COLOMBIA. IN THE RECENT COUNCIL MTGS, ACCORDING TO GOMEZ JARAMILLO, THE US AND CANADA WERE THE ONLY COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSED THE IMMEDIATE LIQUIDATION OF THE FUND, WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF DELAYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE \$71 MILLION FUND UNTIL SEPT 30, 1973, WHEN THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE ICA EXPIRE.

2. GOMEZ JARAMILO ACCUSED THE US OF ACTING CAPRICIOUSLY AND THROWING ITS WEIGHT AROUND IN A MATTER WHICH REALLY BENEFITTED ONLY THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THE FUND, HE SAID, IS FINANCED FROM PRODUCER CONTRIBUTIONS AND IS USED FOR DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS IN THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. AS A RESULT OF THE US ACTION THESE \$71 MILLION WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE FOR DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS FOR ANOTHER 5 MONTHS, AT A TIME WHEN HIGH COFFEE PRICES MAKE SUCH PROJECTS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT.

3. HE WENT ON TO CRITICIZE US ACTIONS DURING THE ENTIRE ICA RENEGOTIATION PROCESS AND PARTICULARLY WHAT HE CALLED THE DICTATORIAL US POSITION ON ELIMINATING THE ECONOMIC CLAUSES OF THE ICA RATHER THAN ONLY SUSPENDING THEM AS MOST OTHER COUNTRIES FAVORED. HE ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE TO THE STATE DEPT LAST FEB TO TRY AND SAVE THE ICA, TO NO AVAIL. IT WAS OBVIOUS, HE SAID, THAT US POLICY WAS TO KILL THE ICA WITHOUT TAKING THE BLAME.

4. COMMENT: THE EMB WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE DEPT'S COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S PENDING VISIT.
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